

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Examiner's Action of December 20, 2004, has been received and reviewed by counsel for Assignee. In that Action claims 1-17 were presented for examination, and all claims were rejected.

Claims 2-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for reasons enumerated in the Action relating to the shading control signal. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by *Le et al.* (U.S. Patent 5,343,324).

By this response counsel has canceled claim 1 and replaced it with new claim 18. Counsel has also made various amendments to other claims to improve their form, and has replaced former claim 4 with new claim 19. Counsel has amended claims 2 and 15 in a manner believed to overcome the § 112 rejection.

Because claim 5 was found to have allowable subject matter, counsel has incorporated those limitations into new claim 18. Accordingly, new claim 18, which combines the limitations of former claim 1 and former claim 5, should now be allowable. New claim 19 which replaces claim 4 and improves the wording of that claim is also believed allowable.

Because all claims are now believed to patentably distinguish the *Le et al.* reference, and to comply with § 112, all claims are believed allowable.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-324-6303 (direct).

Respectfully submitted,



Robert C. Colwell  
Reg. No. 27,431

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP  
Two Embarcadero Center, Eighth Floor  
San Francisco, California 94111-3834  
Tel: 650-326-2400  
Fax: 415-576-0300  
RCC:mks  
60472582 v1